

Liz Hunter-Ball, Secretary

Liz has been an active member of the Colorado Springs community for more than 15 years. Liz received a degree in Studio Art from Mount Holyoke College, where her artwork focused on lithography and bronze sculpture. Currently, Liz is a Community Organizer at the Independence Center, an organization that works with people with disabilities.

**Agnes Blanchut, Liaison
Colorado Springs Airport**

As the Public Affairs Administrator at the Colorado Springs Airport, Agnes' responsibilities include community, media, and governmental relations efforts. An important component of the Colorado Springs Airport's community relations work is the airport art program, The Compass Galleries, which is Agnes' responsibility. Each quarter, the airport features artwork from approximately ten local artists and galleries from the Pikes Peak region. The goal is to showcase local talent while providing travelers with a cultural experience. Agnes is pleased to have the opportunity to participate on the Public Art Commission and help the Commission achieve its goals.

Suzanne Casagrande

Suzanne is a LEED-certified landscape architect with Nakata Planning Group, where she designs plans for Colorado clients. Her work there also includes creating graphic and marketing materials for clients, from marker renderings to watercolor paintings. Suzanne attended the University of Georgia, Athens where she received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.

Sallie Clark, Liaison**El Paso County Board of Commissioners, District 3**

Sallie was first elected to serve as an El Paso County Commissioner in November 2004 and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Sallie and her husband Welling Clark have lived in Colorado Springs since 1985, where they own and operate Holden House Bed & Breakfast, located in the Old Colorado City area of Colorado Springs. Sallie has been honored with many awards for her community service and leadership; having been named "Elected Official of the Year" from the Colorado Springs Chamber and a "Woman of Influence" from the Colorado Springs Business Journal. She serves on many local, state and national committees including the National Association of Counties (NACo) Arts and Culture Commission. Sallie also has a personal passion for public art and historic preservation which she feels brings a sense of community and adds to the quality of life in El Paso County.

Diane A. Dillon

Diane is a local artist focusing on the creation of work addressing social concerns. Her work has been featured in group exhibitions in California, Arizona and Colorado. Diane served as Vice President of California Arts, Inc, and has a B.S. in Public Administration from the University of California, Sacramento.

Marica Hefti, Vice Chair

Marica fell in love with art at the age of five, when she discovered she had talent for painting, drawing and sculpting. Marica's current work focuses on creating art on the basis of the human figure. Her work has been shown in galleries and museum nationally and internationally; she has also been commissioned to create murals, portraits, terracotta and bronze sculpture for public and private spaces. Marica received her MA at the College of Fine Arts in Zurich, Switzerland. Her studies and teaching took her from Switzerland to Italy, from Liechtenstein to the Bahamas and to California. In 1991, she moved to Colorado Springs.

Laurel Justice,

Laurel, a resident of Colorado Springs for 12 years, is a visual artist and psychotherapist in private practice. Besides seeing individual clients for therapy, she conducts workshops and retreats, using a variety of artistic and creative modalities, to facilitate emotional growth and healing. She serves on the Memorial Hospital Arts Advisory Committee, is a consultant on arts and spirituality to faith-based organizations, and is a recent appointee to the Pikes Peak Arts Council. Laurel and her husband, Steve, have loved raising their four children in the Pikes Peak region. She is especially excited about the upcoming sister city celebration in summer of 2012, since she studied in Japan during college. Laurel received a BA in Art from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, Georgia, and an MA in Counseling from Webster University. She has been serving on the Public Art Commission since November of 2010.

Brian Elyo

Brian has been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1997. He got out of the Air Force and stayed around town, mostly downtown and has worked for several architectural design firms eventually freelancing architectural design services as well as adjunct teaching at Pikes Peak Community College. He also served as a Director on the American Institute of Architects South Chapter Board of Directors from 2006-2009. Brian is also an active member of the Colorado Springs music scene performing and recording as mobdividual and is also a founding partner of LocalFM, an internet radio station devoted to Pikes Peak Region artists.

Pat Orban

After 20 years of owning and operating businesses in fashion, jewelry, and rug design, Pat completed a BFA in painting and sculpture, and has been painting ever since. Her work specializes in abstract acrylic paintings on canvas and paper, and has been collected by corporate and residential clients nationally and internationally.

Gundega Spons

A native of Colorado Springs, Gundega is co-owner of Sovereignty Wines and owner of G44 Gallery. She has worked in various curatorial positions nationally and internationally, including with Dale Chihuly's *Chihuly Over Venice* and the

Milwaukee Art Museum. Gundega has a M.A. in Art History from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Tara Sevanne Thomas

Currently Director of Education for Bemis School of Art, Tara has been employed at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center for 16 years. She received her M.A.T. from Colorado College and her B.A. in Fine Arts with highest distinction from the University of Colorado. Bemis School of Art was recently awarded the 2011 Arts Opportunities Award presented by the Pikes Peak Arts Council and Tara received the 2011 A.B.E. Distinguished Administrator Award at the A.B.E. awards luncheon. She also designs and creates handmade jewelry, paintings, photographs and collages for her own business, TARA Designs, which has been in operation since 1995. She has sold her work internationally to private patrons and organizations. Tara is involved in a number of boards in Colorado Springs including the Public Art Commission, Memorial Hospital Arts Advisory, The Art, Business and Education Consortium and Center for Non Profit Excellence.

Shawn Rosvold

Shawn Rosvold moved to Colorado Springs in March of 2011 from New York City with his wife Laura, who grew up in the Springs. Shawn comes from a radio broadcasting background, with years of experience in major market radio, television, advertising and public relations. He is a voice over actor producing commercials and long form narration for clients all around the world. Shawn has been an avid photographer since he was given his mom's old Kodak as a child.

Kim Polomka

Kim Polomka is an award winning Australian artist working in watercolors and Acrylics since 1972. His work is featured in exhibitions and collections in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Queensland, Paris, New York, Denver and Colorado Springs. He completed his first major mural in 1974 at the Adelaide festival of Arts. Since relocating to Colorado Springs then he was awarded 1st in the Colorado State Fair, Fine Art Professional Division-Painting in 2005 and 2006. His work has been named Best in Springs Gazette in 2007 Mozart Mural, in 2009 Giddings mural and again in 2010 ESM mural. He was invited to paint 3 large fiberglass cows that were exhibited in the International Cow parade 2006 in Denver, another non-profit enterprise. He received the Community Partnership Design Award 2007 Mozart Mural, 2009 Giddings Mural. In addition, in 2011 Kim painted the largest exterior pitched roof mural (USOC) in United States. Kim is very passionate about excellence in public art and how public art defines a city.

He was a member of the Art Commission 2004-2010, and chaired in 2009. He has participated in the Butterflies & Friends project in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013 to aid the Art in Schools program. www.kimpolomka.com